

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 4, 2016

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

Members present: Joanne Boulton, Cynthia Garnholz, Maripat Gatter, David LaGesse, Jeanne Most, Missy McCormick, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider, Mark Stapleton and Melanie Tamsky.

Absent: Jenaro Centeno

Also Present: Patty DeForrest, Wayne Dunker, Dan Krewson and Karen Otto

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as corrected.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Parks & Recreation Capital Projects:

Ms. DeForrest presented the Parks and Recreation Capital Projects Update to the Commission. (See attached presentation for additional details.) She explained the process of what goes into creating the capital plan. Projects were generally identified through the 2007 Parks and Recreation Master Plan which was updated in 2010 and 2013. Other plans that are part of the process are the Hanley House Building Assessment, Field Master Plan and the Maintenance Plan for parks. The capital plan is funded by taxes, grants and donations. The amount of funds generated from taxes goes up a little each year. Over fifteen Master Plan projects have been completed since 2007.

Funded projects for FY16 and proposed projects for FY 2017-FY 2019 were reviewed. Highlights include: the acquisition of park land next to Hanley Park, Taylor Park Renovations, #2 Oak Knoll renovation, and Chapman Plaza. The five proposed projects are: the Ice Rink, Center of Clayton Capital Investment, DeMun Playground, Shaw Park Fields #5 & 6 and the Century Garden. Ms. DeForrest provided the Commission with detailed information about each project. This included estimated costs, goals of each project, completion and construction dates. The BOA will be considering the capital plan over the coming month. Unfunded projects were also reviewed. Discussions about some of these projects have taken place, including the need for additional parking, ERA conservation, shade on the west side of SPAC and the replacement of the roof at #2 Oak Knoll Park. Once debt is paid off, unfunded projects will move. Patty estimates that approximately a third of the funds should be earmarked for ongoing maintenance of existing projects.

Since 2007 a lot has been accomplished and the Commission has done a great job of supporting projects.

Ms. DeForrest noted that master plans have a ten to fifteen year lifespan; therefore a new master plan would be conducted around 2020.

Director's Report

Ms. DeForrest showed the Commission the enhanced renderings of Chapman Plaza. The enhancements were made to the cascades, the lake walk and the pavilion.

The Parks staff has done a great job getting the parks in good shape for the season. Ms. DeForrest and Park Superintendent, Justin Whipple, are conducting park tours. When those are complete they will create a priority list for each park. Youth and adult sports leagues started. The Aquatic department is very busy with swim lessons and other programming. The tennis center is open on weekends. Hanley House opened last weekend. The Shaw Park Aquatic Center opens Memorial Day weekend. An Ice Rink report will be presented at the May meeting.

Ms. DeForrest reported that they are also busy with several technology changes which include: a new software system for Parks & Recreation, a new work order reporting system, a new City website and new asset and budget management systems.

Old Business / New Business:

There was no old or new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski